

***Interactive comment on “The role of cornice fall
avalanche sedimentation in the valley
Longyeardalen, Central Svalbard” by
M. Eckerstorfer et al.***

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There is a grave misunderstanding concerning one of my comments on the paper. I was explicitly asked by the editor to give my opinion on the originality of the presented results, particularly when compared with other papers of the author(s). This is why I elaborated on this point. My well-meant opinion was that, say, two decades ago, the same work would probably have been published as a coherent stand-alone thesis. Today, results belonging together are published in batches. That's what I wanted to say with "...You might find this good or bad, however, this is what the Citation Index pressure teaches us to do."

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In the following, I came to the conclusion that "it would be hard to combine all aspects (snow pack development, erosion and accumulation) in one paper" and that the "data on debris accumulation and retreat rates has ... not been published before." Thus, I made clear that this is an original paper which is worth publishing.

The authors subsequently comment that this would be "a sort of accusation of scientific misconduct". This comment is not understandable and hardly acceptable for me as it turns a well-meant comment into the opposite. I herewith explain that I never intended to accuse the authors. Please note that I did not comment anonymously (it would be much easier to accuse people from the safe position of anonymity).

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